「俺と娃さんの異世界放浪記」第20話

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I HEARD FROM THE FAIRY VILLAGE'S QUEEN THAT YOU GIVE PEOPLE NICKNAMES
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IT SOUNDED LIKE AN INTERESTING IDEA SO I CAME UP WITH MY OWN NICKNAME!
OKAY...
SO WHO ARE YOU?
ME? I AM
THE ONE WHO RULES OVER THE ELVES!
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JUST THINK OF ME AS BEING EVEN HIGHER UP THAN THOSE GUYS
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IN THAT CASE DOES MY APPEARANCE EVEN MATTER?
TRUE
AND ELVES LIVE ESPECIALLY LONG LIVES!
DIDN'T YOU KNOW? THE MORE MANA YOU HAVE THE LONG YOU LIVE!
YOU LOOK RATHER YOUNG
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PERHAPS HE CAN EVEN TRANS-FORM
I SEE. SO HE'S PROBABLY MAINTAINING A YOUNG APPEARANCE WITH MAGIC
AS WE WILL BOTH LIVE FOR A LONG TIME
AND THUS WE SHOULD BE FRIENDS
I SUPPOSE THAT'S POSSIBLE I NEVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT

UH YEAH... I WAS TAUGHT THOSE BY SOMEONE I KNOW
HEHEHE!
NOT ONLY DO YOU HAVE THAT NEARLY LIMITLESS MANA, YOUR SPELLS ARE ALSO VARIED
BUT YOU SURE ARE INTER-ESTING
YEAH I GUESS HE'S HUMAN... THOUGH HE'S AN AMPHIBIAN NOW
YOU HAD SOMEONE LIKE THAT? ARE THEY A HUMAN?
YES
WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?
YOU CERTAINLY CAN'T TAKE HUMANS LIGHTLY

HOW LONG AGO WAS IT THAT I LEFT OUR VILLAGE IN YOUR HANDS?
IT FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN 600 YEARS
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IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY?
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YOU KNOW I WAS WATCHING YOU THE ENTIRE TIME
HAVE I NOT ALWAYS TAUGHT THAT ELVES MUST BE ELEGANT?
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I DECIDE TO COME HERE AFTER A WHILE AND I FIND THIS! YOUR METHODS DEARLY LACK ELEGANCE!
EEK! I—
IT SEEMS THAT YOU NEED A PUNISH-MENT
THERE ARE DANGERS ALL AROUND US IT IS A MATTER OF RESPONDING TO THEM PROPERLY
NON NON NON! YOU ARE DISQUAL-IFIED!
THAT ONE
H-HOWEVER THAT ONE THERE
IS A THREAT TO US!

I'M SORRY FOR SHOWING YOU SOMETHING SO UNSIGHTLY
ALTHOUGH THOSE WERE THEIR WORDS, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU SOMEHOW
IF IT IS WITHIN MY POWER I WILL GRANT YOU ANYTHING
ANY-THING
HMM...
WELL THERE ARE THE COMPUTERS BUT GIVEN THE DIVIDE BETWEEN ELVES AND THE OTHER RACES I'M NOT SURE THERE'S ANY POINT TO IT...
SERENADE SEEMS TO BE ACQUAINTED WITH THE QUEEN THOUGH
BUT KAWAZU DID TELL ME TO BE CAREFUL...
I GUESS THERE'S SOME THING
WHAT IS IT? I SHALL DO WHAT I CAN.
IT'S RELATED TO THE DARK ELF GIRL WHO ESCORTED US WHEN WE WERE SIGHTSEEING
SHE SEEMS TO HAVE HER REASONS SO COULD YOU JUST DO SOMETHING TO HELP HER?

WHEN WE WERE IN VILLAGE SIGHTSEEING WE RAN INTO SOME ISSUES SO I'D LIKE SOMETHING THAT WOULD MAKE UP FOR THAT
A DARK ELF? HM...
WHY WOULDN'T THEY?
IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE A SIMPLE MATTER TO FREE THEM. BUT WOULD THEY ACTUALLY DESIRE THAT?
HA HAHA! IS THAT IT?
TRUE. STILL, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING IF I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION.
IF YOU WISH TO KNOW I CAN TELL YOU BUT YOU MUST BE PREPARED TO LEARN THE TRUTH
THIS IS AN INVASION OF THEIR PRIVACY AFTER ALL

THAT MAY BE TRUE, BUT IT IS MY DUTY TO DO AS THE VILLAGE WISHES. DO YOU HOWEVER, HAVE ANY REASON TO LAY DOWN YOUR LIFE FOR HIM?
WOULD YOU MIND MOVING ASIDE? I DOUBT YOU HAVE ANYTHING AGAINST TAROU YOURSELF
OF COURSE I DO! HE'S THE ONLY LEAD I'VE GOT FOR RETURNING HOME!
HIM BEING IN DANGER IS A GOOD ENOUGH REASON
TO RISK MY LIFE TO SAVE HIM!
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YEAH I'M GONNA SHOVE YOU OUT OF THE WAY!
FIELD OF SWORDS!
I SEE BUT OF COURSE
IN THAT CASE ARGUING FURTHER WOULD BE JUST BOORISH
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I WILL ACCEPT YOUR CHAL-LENGE!
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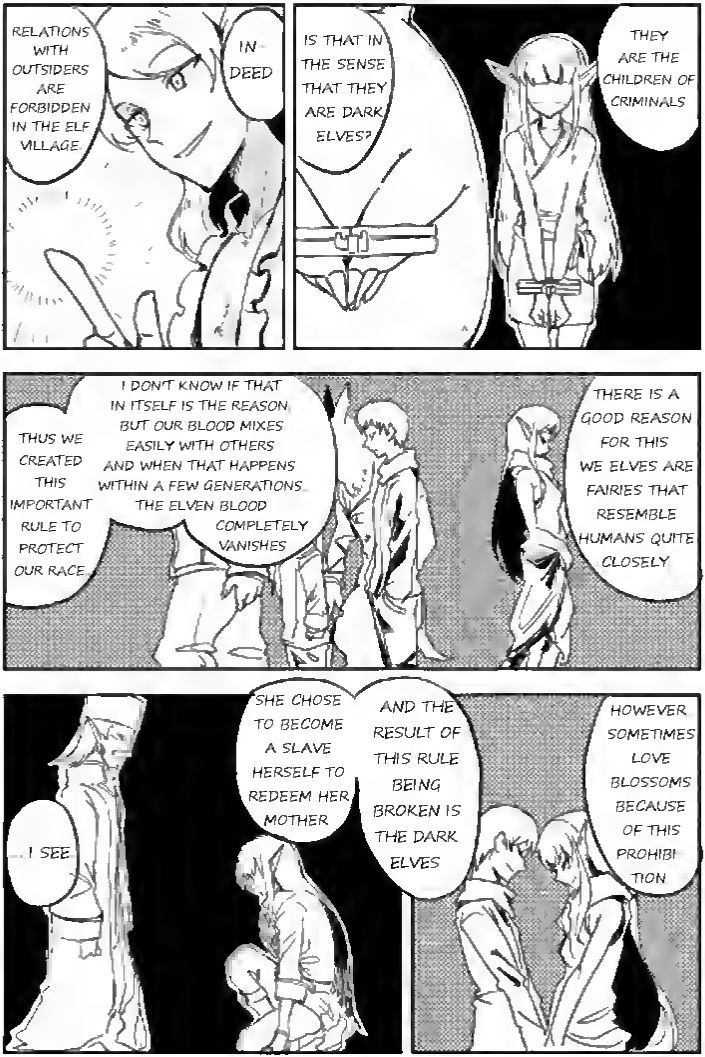
RELATIONS WITH OUTSIDERS ARE FORBIDDEN IN THE ELF VILLAGE
INDEED
IS THAT IN THE SENSE THAT THEY ARE DARK ELVES?
THEY ARE THE CHILDREN OF CRIMINALS
THUS WE CREATED THIS IMPORTANT RULE TO PROTECT OUR RACE
I DON'T KNOW IF THAT IN ITSELF IS THE REASON BUT OUR BLOOD MIXES EASILY WITH OTHERS AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS WITHIN A FEW GENERATIONS THE ELVEN BLOOD COMPLETELY VANISHES
THERE IS A GOOD REASON FOR THIS WE ELVES ARE FAIRIES THAT RESEMBLE HUMANS QUITE CLOSELY
I SEE
SHE CHOSE TO BECOME A SLAVE HERSELF TO REDEEM HER MOTHER
AND THE RESULT OF THIS RULE BEING BROKEN IS THE DARK ELVES
HOWEVER SOMETIMES LOVE BLOSSOMS BECAUSE OF THIS PROHIBI TION

ALTHOUGH THE ONLY REASON HER PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED IS PROBABLY BECAUSE OF HER EXCEPTIONAL TALENT...
BOTH SHE AND THE BEAR CONTINUE TO STAY HERE DESPITE THE INHOSPITALITY...
IT IS QUITE PRAISE-WORTHY WHEN SHE HERSELF IS NOT GUILTY OF ANYTHING
SHE WANTED TO HAVE HER MOTHER PARDONED?
SO THEN...
AREN'T THEY STRONG?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
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THAT IS INDEED TRUE, BUT IS THAT REALLY FINE?
COULDN'T YOU EASILY DO JUST THAT?

ONCE FORGIVENESS IS GRANTED THEY WILL RETURN TO BEING SIMPLE DARK ELVES.
BECAUSE THEY ARE SLAVES, THEY ARE ALLOWED TO BE IN THIS VILLAGE.
IT IS THEIR CURRENT STATUS THAT PROTECTS THEM.
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CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT PART?
AND THEN THEY WOULDN'T BE ALLOWED IN THE VILLAGE?
WHILE I HAVE HEARD THAT A DARK ELF VILLAGE EXISTS SOMEWHERE
THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THEY WOULD BE WELCOME HERE
WHETHER THE ELVES LIVING HERE WOULD BE WELCOMING IS ANOTHER MATTER
EVEN IF I WERE TO ALLOW IT

IN THAT CASE WHY DON'T YOU GOVERN OVER THE ELF VILLAGE INSTEAD?
YOU SURE ARE GREEDY...
WOULDN'T ENSURING HER LIVELIHOOD AFTER SHE'S FREE BE A GOOD WAY OF MAKING THINGS UP TO ME?
YOU COULD CHANGE THINGS TO ENSURE THAT DARK ELVES ARE WELCOMED HERE
IF YOU WISHED FOR THAT THEN IT WOULD HAPPEN
HUH?
SO YOU MEAN CONQUERING THE WORLD?
WELL THAT WOULD BE A SIMPLER WAY OF PUTTING IT
IN FACT WITH YOUR MANA YOU COULD EASILY CHANGE THE WHOLE WORLD TO YOUR LIKING IF THAT IS YOUR WISH THEN I WILL SPARE NOTHING TO ASSIST YOU!

DOES IT? IT CERTAINLY ISN'T UNATTAINABLE THOUGH
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A MASSIVE PAIN IN THE ASS
NO THAT'S NOT THE POINT I MEAN THE IDEA ITSELF IS JUST A HASSLE
ANYWAYS I JUST WANT YOU TO MAKE SURE THOSE TWO CAN LIVE HERE PEACEFULLY
CAN YOU DO THAT OR NOT?
ARE YOU ALL FINE WITH THAT?
YES
THEN IT'S ALL GOOD
BUT OF COURSE I CAN! I SHALL DO EXACTLY WHAT YOU WISH ME TO!
THAT IS RATHER MEAN OF YOU WHEN YOU KNOW I CANNOT REFUSE!
HAHA HAHA!
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YEAH, I GET THAT A LOT AND I DO THINK ABOUT IT IN MY OWN WAY.
HMM I SEE THAT YOU PREFER USING YOUR POWER LIKE THAT.
I DON'T DISLIKE IT, BUT YOU WOULD DO WELL TO CONSIDER THE EFFECTS YOUR POWER HAS ON YOUR SURROUNDINGS.
AND I AM ALSO CURIOUS ABOUT THAT COMPUTER THING THAT THE FAIRY QUEEN MENTIONED BEFORE.
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THIS CONVERSATION IS OVER! WHAT SAY YOU I GUIDE YOU AROUND THE VILLAGE LATER?
WELL THEN
SO YOU'RE THE REASON FOR THAT?!
BECAUSE I AM IMPORTANT!
CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? I CAN BUY ANYTHING FOR HALF OFF!
HUH... WAIT.
PLEASE TELL ME MORE ABOUT IT!
IF YOU COME WITH ME, YOU CAN ENJOY SOME INTERESTING PRIVILEGES!

I SUPPOSE WE SHALL NEED TO PUT THE SIGHT-SEEING ON HOLD
WHAT'S ALL THIS?
WH-
...KILL ME
LOOKS LIKE I WIN
YOU CAN'T BEAT ME WHEN YOU'RE WAVERING
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SINCE I WON CAN YOU JUST DO WHAT I TELL YOU TO?
YEAH NO THANKS

BUT COULD YOU EXPLAIN WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
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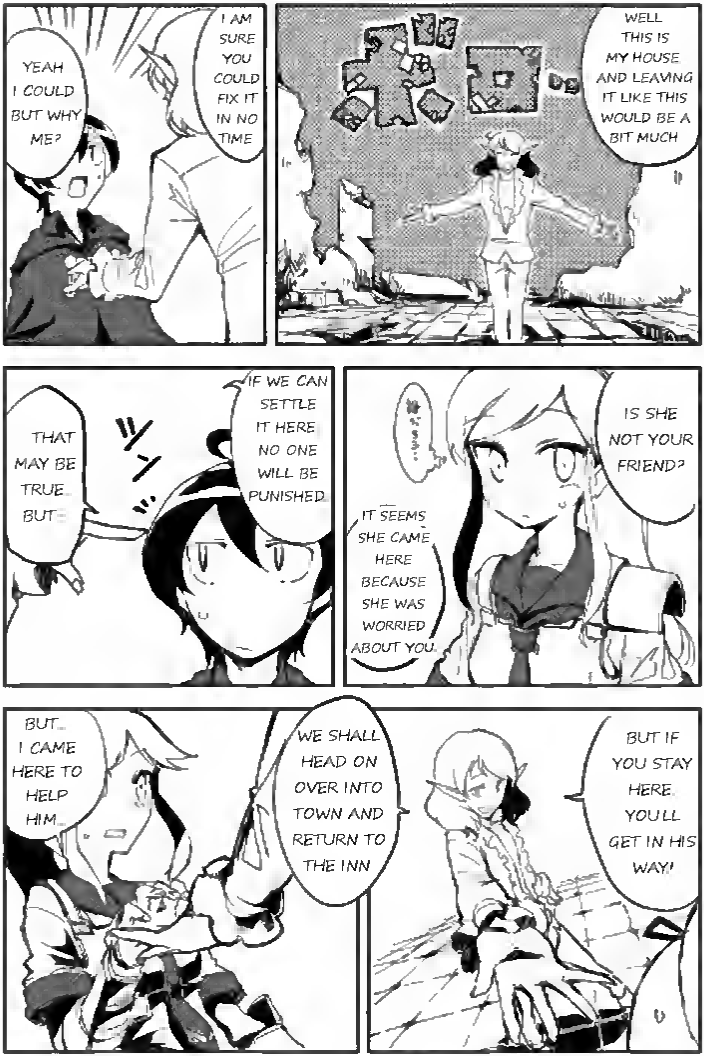
UH... SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU TWO
AND AREN'T YOU LORD *********?!
HOW?
TAROU, IT LOOKS LIKE
YOU'RE SAFE!
HUH?
WE JUST FINISHED TALKING AND WERE HEADING BACK INTO TOWN
BUT IT SEEMS HE'LL HAVE TO DO A LITTLE SOMETHING HERE
WELL HELLO THERE, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN HARD AT WORK OUT HERE.


I AM SURE YOU COULD FIX IT IN NO TIME
YEAH I COULD BUT WHY ME?
WELL THIS IS MY HOUSE AND LEAVING IT LIKE THIS WOULD BE A BIT MUCH
IF WE CAN SETTLE IT HERE NO ONE WILL BE PUNISHED
THAT MAY BE TRUE... BUT...
IS SHE NOT YOUR FRIEND?
IT SEEMS SHE CAME HERE BECAUSE SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU
BUT... I CAME HERE TO HELP HIM...
WE SHALL HEAD ON OVER INTO TOWN AND RETURN TO THE INN
BUT IF YOU STAY HERE YOU'LL GET IN HIS WAY!

YOU HAVE NO NEED TO WORRY ANY MORE WE HAVE FINISHED TALKING ALREADY
AND AGREED TO LET BYGONES BE BYGONES!

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HAHAHA!
AS YOU CAN SEE, HE DID NOT NEED ANY HELP

OBJECTION!
HOLD ON A MINUTE. THAT'S GOING A BIT TOO FAR!

UGH...

YOU MADE UPON THEIR REQUEST IN EXCHANGE FOR THEM ACCEPTING THAT COMPUTER
THE DRAGONS CHIEF WAS JOYFULLY TALKING ABOUT THE LAKE OF ALCOHOL

LET'S JUST DO IT.
WELL...
HAAH...
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